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SAFE AND SANE 4TH IN BOSTON

SUSPECT ON RACK

Laid up, children, for the ice cream!
I asked a boy of high and noble
Boston is to have a safe and sane Fourth
that will beat all records. Last year the
they passed without a death as a result of the
the children were injured. This year—all together now
—for the safest Fourth of July Boston has ever
seen!

Everyone has worked together to blot
out the harvest of death day of the past
On one Fourth twenty lives were sacrificed
because of the Fourth of July. It is going to feed 23,600
the Fourth name. It is going to feed 23,600
children with ice cream—yes, every flavor
that the children may want; and cold, and
cold, and cold, and cold, and cold, and cold,
the hot day, and 700 millions of it. Think of
it: 700 millions of ice cream and all the
other kids. And here are the places to
get it:

Forest, But Still Not Dull, the Blossomers
Street Wardroom, South Boston Playground
The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars, the
children headquaters, North End House, Union
at Heights Improvement Association and
East Boston
The person who were kept happy
picking up the dead or dying in
years will devote their energies to more
stations. Don't be afraid to read
little girl or boy for love, for their
heads will not be blown off with glass
a hospital must not close or a band
to be safe and sane, everyone says to
the person who is not a nurse, a
kind firework is subject to arrest.
going to any
and to any
and to any

There are sports, concerts, picnics and games enough to please everyone. The hospitals which have had it all their own way in the past, have gladly taken a back seat and the majority of surgeons will be no less homesick to-morrow that they will not realize it is the Fourth, that is, the Fourth of the old days.

The day starts at midnight with boncos, fires blazing from dozens of hills and open spaces about Greater Boston. They will open a day bright full of patriotic observance of the 135th anniversary of the

Great Day in Roxbury.

Roxbury Day will be the great attraction in Greater Boston to-morrow and the day after to-morrow. Hundreds of thousands of visitors when it makes an elaborate celebration of the anniversary of its founding.

The celebration will begin to-night at Intercontinental Hall, Dudley street, with a banquet at which Governor Fox, Lieutenant Governor Murray, Mayor Curley, and Walter I. Collins, Congressman Curley and Peters, Mr. D. J. O'Farrell, the Rev. Charles I. Page, Rabbi M. Eliezer and others will be present.

The chief feature to-morrow will be the parade in the morning. Bluecoats, uniforms and equipment of the 1st and 2nd of the Ninth Regiment, M. V. M., Troop D.

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PROVIDENCE, July 3.—Mrs. Harry Hives, under arrest here with George F. Sutton, is being held in connection with an investigation of the murder of her husband, Warren Hives, by the police here. Mrs. Hives is the sister of Mrs. Mary Sutton, of Boston, who is also under arrest here. Mrs. Hives, of Providence place, have not yet been through the third degree twice. Both were taken back place yesterday, and the last one endured for two and one-half hours. Mrs. Sutton came from Boston in coming to see her daughter, but she would not tell where she lives, except that it is in the Back Bay. It is said she is a jailed woman has a son, William Hives, by her first husband, and that she is twenty-two years old and employed in the carpet department of a

Knife Wound in Heart.
Pyfer was found dead with a knife wound in his heart at the foot of a stairway in the building where he, his wife and two children have lived.

day, said:
"My daughter declares she is innocent of any hand in her husband's death. He tried to kill himself with a razor while they were living in Boston, and he might have committed suicide."
The police say that no knife was found near the body and that disproves the suicide theory. They are still searching for the weapon. They think it will clear the mystery when found.

Mrs. Pyfer's first husband was George Pyfer. They were divorced six and a half years ago. Two years later she married John Pyfer. She lived with him at 1000 Broadway street, West End in Boston, before they came to Providence about a year ago.

Separated for a Time.

Mrs. Pyfer was born in Woburn, Mass. and the police that per Fifth avenue, Albany relatives livin on First avenue, New York, and that she had had to pay for diamonds and silverware that they got from her.

"My daughter has consumption," said Mrs. Cutton, "and I'm afraid this will be the last I see of her."

Previous to Pyfer's death he and Mrs. Pyfer had been living apart for some time. A few days ago a reconciliation was effected, and since then he and his wife have been living in Pyfer's home.

TWELFTH BOMB IS FIRED IN CHICAGO
CHICAGO, July 2.—The twelfth bomb exploded in the conduits of the Commercial Edison Company within a matter of minutes after midnight at W. Madison and Clinton streets. The explosion was heard for a mile, broke wide windows in many buildings within a radius of half-dozen blocks. The bomb-throwing was supposed to be due to labor troubles.

50,000 IN JEWELS IS BURGLARS' PRIZE
PHILADELPHIA, July 2.—The robbery of the home of Francis E. Brewster, 14 South street, of heirlooms and jewelry valued at \$50,000, was reported to the police today. A large portion of the stolen

**MRS. C. S. FALLOWS,
ACTRESS BRIDE OF
A BISHOP'S SON**



Mrs. CHARLES S. FALLON

lon in "The Fortune Hunter," is a graduate of Smith College, where she first displayed her ability in theatricals.

BISHOP'S SON
WEDS ACTRESS

After five successful years as an actress with South College she has given up the stage to marry Charles S. Fallows, the son of Bishop Samuel Fallows.

Mrs. Fallows is well remembered in Boston, as she was extensively entertained and made a host of friends, when she appeared here in "The Fortune Hunter." John Barrymore headed her cast, and Miss Burns took the part of the calculating daughter of the shuffling banker. Mrs. Fallows went on the stage headed by her father, after graduating from South College, where she had taken a prominent part in the college theatricals. While in college she roomed with Miss Brooks Van Dyke, daughter of Dr. Henry Van Dyke.

Mrs. Fallows, a young New York lawyer's thirty years old and is a graduate of

Mr. and Mrs. Fallows were married in New York, Bishop Fallows officiating, as stated by Rev. Dr. W. D. Stevens of New York. The young couple will travel until August, when they will make their home at Fort Washington, 1. j.

NOTICE

To-morrow (July 4) the regular editions of the AMERICAN will be omitted in honor of Independence Day.

For the best accounts of the Woignat-Moran fight see early editions of Wednesday's AMERICAN.

HOT WAVE SCORCHES BOSTON

PROSTITUTIONS.
CHAMP, RERT, 20 years old, over-
 come at North Ferry at 820 S. M.
 street, Grace Hospital.
HARRIS, JESSE, 41, overcome at
 North Union, at 305 S. M. Relief
 Hospital.
MURRAY, JOSEPH, aged 31, at 1,531
 Washington street, overcome
 on his way to the North Union
 Hospital. He was going for
 treatment.
GOOD, THOMAS, 34, Wexley street,
 overcome at 1,531 Washington
 street, City Hospital.
ROSEVELD, FANNIE, prostituted in
 East street factory. Grace Hos-
 pital.
MEYKOFF, HELEN, prostituted in
 Essex street factory. Grace Hos-
 pital.
ANDERSON, MARY, prostituted in
 Essex street factory. Grace Hos-
 pital.
MRS. MARY, 25, of No. 719
 Cambridge street, East Cam-
 bridge Hospital Camp. Condition

Greater Boston sweltered and suffered today in the intense heat wave that swept over the northeastern section of the United States. It is the hottest weather this section has known in ten years and the hottest first days of July in thirty-three years.

But cheer up! There's cool weather tonight. To be sure it will not get here probably, until to-morrow afternoon, but that isn't so bad and by that time we've agreed it more than we do now. The weather forecaster said it would be fair to-night and then he quit. But you may count on it being hot to-night—something like this.

The heavens will cloud up tomorrow afternoon—so the weather man says—at least there will be thunder and some rain. Then the temperature will drop. But— you have patience to wait, prepare to shut in during the next twenty-four hours. Be patient and cheerful and you'll be happy although warm.

Monday coming between two holidays there was not much business done today because of the heat. Even the Weather Bureau was almost prostrated. When the forecaster was asked for the figures at

Well, it's a little late today. The weather is swamping the bureau, and I'm with the people who started during the storm blast is greater, of course, for the accumulated effect of yesterday's rain. The afternoon is clearing up in this city. It reached that point at 3 o'clock. The afternoon is clearing up, and the afternoon is clearing up a greater altitude today. Thousands of Boston people, since the storm, have been in Boston to occur, in other parks, on the shore, on the seashore, on their verandas and on the shore.

When daylight came it was apparent another sorcerer was at hand. The sun came out, and the sun came out Sunday and until after the Four o'clock of the car windows when it came into Boston to work in the city.

The lightest, bluest, coolest light in the windows of Boston was still in the windows. Reeling glasses were shot

Babies Asleep in a Fire Escape



Two North End youngsters, keeping fairly comfortable in spite of the hot sun.

TEMPERATURE IN SUBURBS.		TODAY'S TEMPERATURE	
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Malden	58	2 a. m.	7
Quincy	58	3 a. m.	7
Everett	58	4 a. m.	7
Andover	58	5 a. m.	7
Winthrop	58	6 a. m.	7
Woburn	58	7 a. m.	7
Watertown	58	8 a. m.	7
Wellesley	58	9 a. m.	7
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Belmont	57	11 a. m.	8
Forest Hills	58	12 m.	8
Cambridge	58	1 a. m.	8
Brockton Village	58	2 a. m.	8
South Boston	58	3 a. m.	8
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ATWOOD TO TRY TAYLOR DENIES
LIBERTY FLIGHT SPEAKER TRA

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GREAT AIR RACE OVER CHANNEL

LONDON, July 2. A fleet of eleven aeroplanes in the 800th circuit of Europe air race, started over the English Channel today between Calais and Dover, inaugurating the most hazardous and most spectacular stage of the long aerial contest. It was an impressive sight as the machines dived in from the air, bringing to England the race that had already been blown over French, Belgian and Dutch ground.

M. Gibert was the pilot for the swiftest trip over the channel, his time being thirty-seven minutes and fifty-five seconds, although Veiljeux was a close second and

Vedrine was the first of the alrmen arrive on this side of the channel, reaching Dover at 4.20 o'clock. His time for the trans-channel voyage was thirty-nine minutes.

Thousands Cheer Vedrine.

Vedrine kept the lead all through day's race, reaching the aerodrome Hendrie, six miles from London, at 5.30. Word of his approach had been sent ahead and 10,000 men and women welcomed the hero of the Paris-to-Madrid contest.

In addition to Gilbert and Verdine, two other aviators who crashed in England were Vidart, Kimmerringham, Comman (and Beaumont), Vallentin, Giaros, Train, L'hotenau, Renault, Renaux and Bar. Renault was compelled to descend at Hodian Sussex, because of motor trouble.

A strong westerly breeze was blowing but the weather was clear and bereft of fog. All the flights were made inside an hour and a half.

The mishaps did not begin to beset the aviators until they reached English France. Verdine's great wings at New Haven, and he was compelled to alight there for repairs.

for London, and Barra met with misfortune near East Bournemouth which made it necessary for him to halt.

For making the fastest time between Paris and London, Ensign Command of the French army, who flew under the name of "Brigitte," was awarded a prize of \$500. Vendrine won the prize for the fastest time in the London to Paris race.

LIAB. OSBURN, U. S. N. COMMITS SUICIDE

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 3.—Lieutenant Thomas H. Osburn, attached to the United States cruiser Tacoma, committed suicide yesterday at the New York Times building.

Silk Hat Harry's Divorce Suit

YOU SEE THEY CALL ME RENO RUTH BUT THAT'S NOT MY REAL MONIKER - I WAS MARRIED AT 13 - I DIDN'T KNOW ANY CHILD MOOD OR GILMWOOD EITHER.

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By Tad

JEFFRIES LAST JULY 3
AND THE DIFFERENCE
THE YEAR HAS MADE



By H. B. Martin

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The officials will include M. F. V.

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COX SHIPS TO GRAND CIRCUIT

DOVER, N. H., July 3.—Walter Cox has shipped his big "line" racing string from Dover to Natick, Mass., which will give the horses two weeks to be sized up for the severe campaign ahead of them. The New Hampshire gentleman took twenty head away with him, and all but two of them are expected to turn for the world.

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map on a tendon set him back so that he will not strike the circuit until Readville.

In their final track over the home track at Readville, the two horses were in a tangle, clonched 2:07, while Bringham haughtman caught a mile in 2:09, as did Major Brine, Capitola and Ernest. The stake stratters.

Leaska and Mary G. did not beat 2:15. The horses shipped were Major Brine, Capitola, Antelope, King Cole, Major Brine, Leaska and Patie, Ernest, Capitola, Bringham haughtman, Vester, Albert R. Forster, Prince, North Belvaan, Oxford Boy Jr., McKim, Bonnie Ocho and Mack Bonner.

McKinney, Bonnie Ocho and Frank Bonner.

CATION HAS A FEAT

COCHIATO TROTTER

Speaking of Cochato colts, D. W. Caton, who has been at Mendville track from February several weeks with quite a lot of company, thinks he has a colt that is no promising as any colt he has ever developed—and Caton has turned out several mighty good ones first and last. Caton says this one Cochato Hoy and his dam is Russia, a daughter of Gay King.

Caton says he could beat 2:25 with him right now, and thinks the mile would be very close to 2:20. In June G. A. full start to W. A. Clark, Jr.'s, Hon. Vagrant III.

Three-year-old of much promise. As a foal he was a favorite of the Catoes because of his future game and for that reason is going to be a father along with the work of his baby trotters.

O'DONNELL SHIPS HORSES TO BROCKTON

Jimmy O'Donnell, who has had a big string of prospects and matinee performers at the Readville track all the spring, shipped four to Brockton this morning to get them accustomed to the twice around before being starting in the afternoon.

The other two that O'Donnell will work at Brookston are Adula, by Aquilin (2:108), and Typhoon May (2:074), out of the old mare Munde B. (2:134), that Miltie C. Searles for years campaigned in the 2- and 2:17 class pace on the New England circuit, when the half-mile tracks were in their prime and there was no interference on the part of the authorities to betting.

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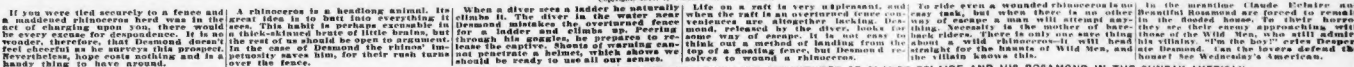
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By ADA PATTERSON

GEORGE BANCROFT, the historian, to relate with gusto a joke that he caught while trotting to school along Main street. "My story runs about old Levi Lincoln."

"The old gentleman was nearly blind. A doctor, after examining him, calculating up Lincoln street. Learning far out of his carrying, the old doctor, after examining the children, and a wonderful of ponies, gravely exclaiming:

By JOHN A. BARTLETT

What is life, and what is death? Ah, there's the rub,
who knows?
Opinions differ, the dead are dumb, and science naught
bestows.
A riddle, a puzzle, a conundrum deep, profound—
Man's knowledge is not great enough its mysteries to
sound.
We find ourselves possessed of life and, bitter sweet the
cup,
We spend our life in guessing, but are forced to give
it up.
We come, we go, and never know from whence, the
new, or where,
Some say perhaps, Dame Nature will her knowledge with
us share.

world's largest Snow is said to be the Halfpenny, a native of Sumatra, now called after his haunts.

This immense plant is composed of several pounds of a brickish color, measuring a foot across. These are filled with numerous irregular yellowish swellings. The petals surround nearly a foot wide, the margin of leaves the swellings. The cup of the tube is filled with a fleshy disc, the surface of which is covered with stipes like a miniature cow's horn, when free from its contents will shatter twelve parts. The flower is about fifteen pounds, and is very like the petals blue quarters of an inch.

There is an address in the Paris Academy of Sciences, Professor, Philologist, contends that when a sudden light traverses clouds, electric marks are left upon it,

which are not obliterated by the subsequent passage of the bullet, though these provided that it does not strike a body of water, or a body of earth, or a body of air, it is even possible, he claims, to identify the nature of the armament through which the bullet has passed by the careful examination of the marks on the lead.

Men sometimes dream of enormous wealth stored deep in the earth, below the reach of water, but experts aware of this are little of so ground to believe that valuable metallic deposits in the very deep of the earth's rock. Such deposits, it is said, are made by underground waters, as owing to the pressure on the rocks at great depths the water are combined in a thin layer near the surface.

With few exceptions, the deposits become less to repay cost of digging them out. Nitro nitrate is the only one that is worth digging, and is taken, the said as a whole, are present in the second demand for them in the air, and power is in the third (these

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Women Are the

Punctual Ones

WOMEN are more punctual than men in keeping appointments. It is a very interesting thing, indeed, for a woman to be late, for instance, a dinner engagement. She has only to wait in the lobby or vestibule of a fashionable restaurant for 15 or 20 p. m. to notice the large number of women waiting for their husbands or dates to come to dinner.

They may be seen waiting patiently, though their husbands are twenty minutes overdue—it is an experience they are accustomed to.

They may notice the unpunctual man coming up one by one, making the usual excuse—“detained at the office” or “important business engagement”—and the

young men are particularly unpunctual, when they are meeting their fiancées. But women, old or young, usually arrive before time when they have made an appointment.

appointment. The one when they have made an appointment has a very deficient sense of time. The one when the appointment is not a strictly business one. They put things off to the minute and then hurry up, with the result that they are at least fifteen minutes late. They do not realise that they are theatres the same kind of thing may be observed—the patient wife in the vestibule waiting for the unpunctual husband.

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If Armour Really Did Give CHEAP TELEPHONE SERVICE

He Would Make Himself One of the Most Popular Men in the Country, and Would Be a Wholesale Benefactor, Not Only of the Business World, but of the Average American Home

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The New York Times announces that there is hope of telephone competition in the great city of New York, and that Armour, the great packer of Chicago, is said to be back of the plan.

The idea is to buy up certain franchises in the State of New York, especially to get an entrance into New York City, and to give to the citizens the benefit of telephone competition and of actually CHEAP SERVICE.

The idea of cheap telephone service is going to grow in the United States, and eventually it is going TO BE REALIZED, despite the power of any monopoly or the profits of any group of individuals.

It costs less, or under proper management WOULD cost less, to send a telephone message than to send a letter.

There was a time in the United States when private individuals exploited the mails and when the citizen writing a letter paid from ten cents to a dollar or more to have it delivered. Government ownership, economical, businesslike methods, have reduced the price of sending letters to two cents all over the United States—even in the Klondike, where the letters are carried on dog sledges.

And sane, businesslike construction of the telephone system of this country, with the latest up-to-date automatic methods, would make telephoning as cheap as writing letters, and cheaper.

That will not come at once, BUT A VERY GREAT IMPROVEMENT WILL COME, AND RIGHT AWAY.

Armour of Chicago is a man who COULD give the people of this country the benefit of cheap telephone service—if he should make up his mind to do it. He has proved his ability as an organizer; he is a man of great wealth and of unusual industry and application. It is notorious that his working hours are from seven in the morning until six in the evening, and that work is his only amusement.

The idea is not visionary, for Armour, associated with others—with the Harriman estate, with Kennedy Todd and De Forest, of New York, and with the receivers of the Chicago subway as a body—HAS ALREADY BEGUN THE WORK OF GIVING GENUINELY CHEAP AND EFFICIENT TELEPHONE SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

In Chicago the receivers of the subway have installed already more than twenty-five thousand automatic telephones. They give an UNLIMITED service for \$55 a year—about one-half the charge of the Bell monopoly. They give UNLIMITED telephone service to private families for less than thirty dollars a year. With a full extension of their system even the poorest families will use the telephones, AND BE BETTER OFF AT THE END OF THE YEAR THROUGH THE SAVING OF CARFARE.

The charge for pay stations with this new system, which is backed by Armour and the others, is three cents per call, and the intention is to lower this rate eventually from three cents to one cent. AT ONE CENT THE PROFIT WOULD BE ENORMOUS, WITH THE ECONOMIES OF THE AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE and a sufficient number of subscribers.

The right plan would be, of course, for the business men of a city who pay enormous tolls to the telephone monopoly to get together, to bind themselves to take a new service—an automatic cheap service with certain guarantees—and through pressure of public opinion compel the granting of a franchise to an automatic company charging the lowest possible rate.

But it is difficult to get business men to unite; difficult to make them resent effectively even the most palpable extortion.

The chief hope lies in the courage, energy and business knowledge of such a man as Armour, who has the money, who is not frightened by the power of a monopoly, and who might, if he chose, be remembered as one of the real benefactors of the country by breaking down the telephone monopoly and making of the great telephone convenience a blessing within the reach of all and as cheap, in proportion, as the national postage.

New Leadership in the United States Senate

It is sometimes said that the United States Senate is no longer responsive to the force of public opinion. This is not true. But it is unfortunately quite true that MANY INDIVIDUAL SENATORS do not respond to public opinion on any question where large private interests are at stake.

The Canadian Reciprocity agreement is not a party question. Reciprocity with Canada was effective over half a century ago. Then it was a Democratic measure. It was repealed by the Republican party in the interest of war taxes after the Civil War. But the principle of Reciprocity became a Republican doctrine again under Blaine, and a plea for Reciprocity was the subject of the last speech of President McKinley before his death.

Upon this issue—the public interests against private interests—the Democrats have shown themselves to be very much more responsive to public opinion than the Republicans.

The insurgent Republican Senators, led by Senator La Follette, have shown themselves to be as narrow, as selfish and as unpatriotic in their defence of their own kind of special interests as any of the corporation Senators in the defence of theirs.

The debates on Reciprocity have, on the other hand, shown the broadest public spirit and wise leadership on the part of some of the new Democratic Senators. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, the blind Senator Gore of Oklahoma, Senator Keim of Indiana, Martin of Virginia and Owens of Oklahoma have lifted the Democratic leadership of the Senate to a high plane. The dominance of the real Democrats in the Senate is shown by the temporary eclipse of such corporation vassals as Senator Bailey of Texas and Senator Root of New York.

The stalwart Democratic minority has thus set an example to the militant and once aggressive insurgent Republican Senators, who have not only missed their opportunity in the Reciprocity fight, but have lost more ground with the people in two months than they had gained by hard fighting in two years.

Midsummer Day Dreams

By WINSOR MCCAY

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Sherlocko the Monk

By GUS MAGER

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To-morrow—July 4th

May the Day Be a Happy One for Your Children, Not One of Risk and Possible Disaster.

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Every year we talk about the Fourth of July and the stupidities that full-minded human beings have invented for the "celebration" of that day.

Little by little there come signs of improvement. Many fathers and mothers have learned that the child playing with firecrackers is apt to blow the germs of lockjaw into its fingers and die a few days after the celebration is over.

Children are happy without dangerous fireworks, and dangerous fireworks should be forbidden by law.

They should be forbidden and avoided absolutely by every intelligent father and mother.

Tell your little boy that it is not noble, patriotic or intelligent to explode gunpowder in his hands on one day in the year.

Explain to your little boy that the boy next door who is shooting off big firecrackers has an idiot for a father and a weak woman to be pitied for a mother.

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN. You can make them happy without giving them the lockjaw or running the risk of giving them lockjaw.

Children like noise and bright lights. But if they can get along without shooting off gunpowder three hundred and sixty-four days in the year they can do that also on July 4.

If you must compromise, let them have the smallest torpedoes, that make some noise and that cannot possibly do any harm—the little old-fashioned torpedoes, made of paper, about as big as the end of a little finger—but, better still, do away with every kind of explosion, even the mild one.

And don't set the bad example by amusing yourself, huddling the children out of reach while they play the grown-up goose with dangerous things of all kinds.

Have colored lights and ice cream—taking care to see that the children do not eat ice cream on top of a hearty dinner—that is almost as dangerous as lockjaw sometimes.

Give them the big dinner and the ice cream separately—about 4 o'clock in the afternoon is a good time for the ice cream.

Talk to your neighbors. Try to keep your little boys from bitterness and temptation by persuading those near you to give up the stupid amusements of the Fourth.

A healthy child on July 5, following a moderately dull July 4, is far better than a very noisy, "patriotically" foolish July 4 and a child on the 8th lying in bed with an eye bandaged up or a finger blown off.

A Long Life and a Merry One

By MILES OVERHOLT

I SOLD a joke to Punchy's in the merry month of May; it was a mirth-provoking thing told in a mirthful way. And when I got a check for it a few years after that I changed its title, shape and size and sold it to The Cat. They paid me when they printed it, and I scrubbed it clean, inverted it and sold the thing to Clampon's Magazine. And then, once more I worked it over and sold it to The News; but when a year had elapsed by I frolicked with the muse and turned the joke into a verse, with a bit more rhyme and thrill. And added local trimmings, and then sold it to The Mill. Within a few short months from then I wrote another verse. With touch of gloom to strengthen it, and sold it to The Hearse. When twenty years had rolled around I took the same old joke. The one I started with in life—and sold it to The Croak. And then, a few months after that, I did the same old thing. And though in the same old path around the same old ring. Ah! that was forty years ago. The joke is worn and frayed. To-morrow, however, it starts again, unshapen, undimaged. And so, once more, bon voyage, joke; so long, old top, goodby. Here's wishing you a pleasant trip, here's hoping you won't die. You can't just one red postage stamp and this mark, "Postage Due." Here's hoping you will also fall for you.

A Quiet Fourth

From the Boston Pilot.

IT was not so long ago that in America the sentiment of patriotism expressed itself very properly in noise and display. The country was yet young with the novelty of freedom, and had not taken her leading position among the nations. It was thus, in a way, necessary to accentuate in every forcible manner the popular belief in our destiny. The orator spoke in hyperbole, the citizen roared, and the evening skies were aglow with the wonders of pyrotechnics. But the country has outgrown the novelty of her condition, and is able to express her patriotism with the dignity and quiet that come of long sublimation. But, more than that, the call has sounded for a retreat from a glorification that was degenerating into excess. The element of noise in itself would have been bearable if restricted within certain hours and certain localities. But with the immense increase in population came the certainty of universal discomfort from the noise, however bravest. The sick, to whose nerves the reverberations of fireworks brought untold agony, increased in numbers with the increase of population. The quiet demanded by sickness, by the presence of suffering or death in the household, rendered the increased noise with feelings akin to horror, and pleaded for a surcease. To this was added the greater element of danger. The introduction of new explosives, handled often by little children, brought up to us the number increased, until people began to perceive that a halt must be called if the security of the nation was to be maintained. The sound of the fire bells in the night, and the wild rush of engines through the city streets, told of conflagrations so numerous and destructive that the lives of the citizens were in danger. And thus with fire, death, destruction and nerve-racking noise, a general desire was manifested for the suppression of every kind of means of loud sublimation. The result of the trial of a quiet Fourth last year was gratifying; the death list dropped in numbers, the discomforts and accidents were so considerably less than satisfactory. The trial was made and was successful. It ought to commend itself this year especially to those who have the care of children. The prospect of an entirely quiet Fourth in the near future, with every legitimate expression of joyfulness and pleasure, is one of the national boasts that the country may confidently expect.

Special Announcement

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